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Calcutta 4 Nov 1856

My dear Sir

I have received your letter of the 23rd ult and have been much pleased to learn your success in getting your appointment. Make no doubt of your honorable intentions towards your Creditors and shall be ready at all times necessary to give any assistance that may be in my power that you may require —

Calcutta 8 Nov 1852

At present I do not see that, under the circumstances you have mentioned, you can make any move to the advantage [illegible] shall therefore [illegible] [illegible] as concerns the [illegible] when [illegible] [illegible] will not give any trouble for the present. Mr [illegible] is at [illegible] and a letter directed [illegible] [illegible] to the [illegible] to find [illegible]

I hope you may succeed in
getting a good appointment
so that you may begin to
see your way out of your
present difficulties, which for-
tunately are not great

I am Yours Truly

A Molloy

A G Williams Esq

Govt. of (1877) [illegible]

REVENUE.

To

THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL,

&c. &c.

Dated September 4th.

Printed September 6th.

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G.O., 4th September 1877, No. 2,616

SEPTEMBER.

No. 54.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 1,613.

Mr. *A. C. Tute.*—Appointing — to the Trichinopoly District for famine duty.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

4th September 1877, No. 2,646.

Famine Relief.

No. 54. Proceedings of Government, dated 4th September 1877, No. 2,646.

Miscellaneous.

THE Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Mr. A. C. Tute to the Trichinopoly District for famine duty.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Additional Secretary to Government.

To the Accountant-General
,, A. C. Tute, Esq., B.C.S.
,, the Collector of Trichinopoly
,, the Board of Revenue.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

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27/8	do	Authorising the restoration of the Zemindary of Cruntama-naickanur to the Zemindar, on his paying the arrears for which it was assumed [not found in the file]
	do	Refusing further remission

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12th March Forwarding 250 Salt Rowannahs

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Revenue Department

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To the Collector in Dindigul and Madura

Sir,

Para 1 I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant.

2 The Board approve of your allowing the brother of the deceased Zemindar of Cadavoor to take possession of the estate in conformity with the desire of his brother intimated to you by letter under his signature.

Fort St. George
20th December 1821
Despd. 1 Jany 1822

I am
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant

J. Mack
Secretary

Compd. [illegible]

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To the Collector in Madura and Dindigul

Sir,

Para 1st. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date 20th December last and received 3. January transmitting statements for the final reduction of the Jeerwahs in the Dindigul District.

2 The Board have given the most attentive consideration to these papers, but they regret to observe that the information therein contained is not such as to enable them to form a safe judgment on the question. It is not sufficient that you state the impressions which your enquiries have made on your own mind. In order to enable the Board to form an opinion regarding the correctness of your conclusions, it is necessary they should be

be in possession of the details whence those conclusions have been drawn. Thus, for instance it may be quite true that the commutation price fixed by Mr. Hindes for the Munjah Grain is in every way adapted to the present circumstances of the District, but before the Board can judge of this fact it is requisite that they should be informed of the selling prices of past seasons, since it is only by a due consideration of the fluctuations which have occurred in former years, and of the causes by which those changes have been influenced, that any satisfactory inference can be drawn.

3. The same observation is equally applicable to the other parts of your letter, but before proceeding to shew in what respects your report is defective, it may be useful to consider the precise nature of the question at issue and of the information best calculated to explain it.

4. The survey and assessment of

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of the Dindegul District was completed by Mr. Hurdis in the year 1802 and it was at that time supposed that his calculations were correct, but subsequent experience having shown that the resources of the province had been much over-rated, and that by assessing the lands then under culture with a very heavy tax while those which were at that time uncultivated were (to use the words of Mr. Parish now reechoed by you) "assessed at a very low rate" he had led the Ryots to abandon the highly assessed and best fields for those which were more lightly taxed, it was determined that the teerwahs should be lowered, and the necessary orders for their reduction were communicated to you on the 11th. September 1815.

5 Without stopping to recapitulate the several circumstances which have from time prevented the accomplishment of this object, it will be sufficient for the present purpose to observe that

you

you submitted a scale of assessment on the 22^d May 1818 which was adopted by the Board as a mere temporary expedient for fuslies 1228, 1229 and 1230, and that it was expected "that during the interval of three years thus "granted you to reform the Teerwah assessment, "you would complete that reform in a "satisfactory manner, and be prepared, "before the experation of fusly 1230, to issue "new Cowles fixing permanently the Teerwahs "on all the arable land of all the Villages "of the province".

(To Mr. Pefer dated 25 June 1818.)

6 Adverting then to the causes which led to the revision of the original teerwahs and to the circumstance of your having had three years experience of the result of a reduced assessment, it seems to the Board that the first point which should now be looked to is, the effect produced by that reduction — in other words that we should see whether any, and if any, what portion of the

abandoned

abandoned lands have been resumed by the Ryots since the Teerwahs were lowered - whether the general cultivation of the province has increased, and if so, to what extent - whether the modified assessment has been found to be just, and if not, in what respect it has proved defective and lastly what alter=ation it has now been necessary to make in the Teerwahs then fixed, but on all these important particulars you are wholly silent, confining yourself entirely to a comparison between the rates now propose[d] and those adopted by Mr Hurdis, with this very essential further defect, that you appea[r] to be of opinion that the data on which your calculations have been formed are not to be depended upon - If the Board rightly understand that part of your letter, the supposed moderation of the standard you have assumed as the average rate of produce, and the omission to make any "deductio[n] in the commutation for ready money" are to be

be ascribed in a great measure to the suspicion
that the accounts furnished to you by the
Canoenins shew a false view of the former revenue
and it is therefore the more to be regretted
that it should not have occurred to you to
try that standard by the test of your actual
collections.

7. While on this subject I am
directed to recall to your mind that part
of your letter of the 28th November 1816 in
which you reported having "directed a
"certain portion of land of every description
"of soil in each division to be cultivated"
in order that you might yourself see the
produce "reaped thrashed and measured", by
which means you expected "to be enabled
"to ascertain pretty nearly the fair average
"to be taken of the produce of a Cawney of
"land of any kind." It does not appear that
any further information has been received
from you on this head, but if you should
have prosecuted the measure then stated
to

to have been commenced and if it should have been carried to such an extent as to furnish any satisfactory result, the Board desire that the Accounts may be furnished to them.

8 It has already been remarked that you have omitted to state in what way the commutation price fixed by Mr. Hurdis for the Punjah produce has been ascertained to be applicable to the present circumstances of the District - as connected with this subject the Board direct me further to observe, that the basis of the rates assumed by you for commuting the Sircar share of the several other descriptions of produce is entirely unexplained, that they have still to learn how many and what years Accounts are included in your calculations, and that they are in fact totally uninformed of every detail which could lead them to a correct judgment regarding the propriety of the Teerwahs now proposed. It is true that you have

furnished

furnished an abstract statement purporting to shew the "average produce per Goolie and the "average selling prices of certain years in which "the proposed assessments have been fixed", but before any satisfactory opinion can be formed as to the justice of such averages or the propriety of adopting the rates thence deduced, it will be necessary for the Board to know what fluctuations there may have been in the extent and value of the produce during the period in question, and with this view, as well as with reference to the foregoing remarks respecting the result of the reduction made in Fusly 1228, I am directed to furnish you with the accompanying forms of statements which the Board desire may be furnished at as early a date as may be consistent with accuracy and a due attention to your other duties..

1st A statement shewing the different rates of assessment on each description of soil in each division according to Mr. Hurdis's survey

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compared with those fixed by Mr. Peter in 1228 and of those fixed in 1228 compared with those now recommended.

2. A statement shewing whether any, and what portion of the land which had been abandoned up to the time the Jeerwahs were reduced, has been subsequently brought under cultivation, and whether any and what, increase has taken place in the general cultivation of the District since such reduction.

3. A statement shewing the average collections of each Village for each period of Manage-ment and the actual Collections of Do. during the last 8 years and a comparison of the latter with the assessment now proposed

4th. A Table of the selling prices of each description of produce in each of the several years included in your calculations, with the average of each.

5th. A statement for one Village in each division, shewing the particulars of the present occu-pation, past Collections, and proposed settlement

of the lands.-

And lastly A copy of the statement containing the details of the yearly produce on which the averages assumed by you have been formed - See para 4 of your letter.-

9 The Board further direct that you will furnish exact copies of the Curnums' Accounts of one Village in each division for last Fusly - The Accounts here meant are not the mere Abstracts of Demand and Collections but the Accounts shewing the occupation of the land and the demand and payments of each Ryot.-

10 It is hoped that the information to be derived from these documents added to a knowledge of instructions issued by you for the guidance of your Assistant or your Tasildars (copy and translate of which they desire may be sent to them) will enable the Board to bring the subject before the Government in a satisfactory shape It will of course be your duty to explain any

any points connected with these statements that may appear to require observation, and among other things it will be proper for you to state what proportion the rates of assessment now proposed by you bear to those which were fixed by Mr. Hurdis for the uncultivated land, and which are represented to have been so low as to induce the Ryots to abandon their old fields for the purpose of occupying the waste.

11 There is still another point in your letter on which explanation is indispensable. Viz. the principle adopted by you in sharing the Punjah produce between the Ryot and the Sircar. The Board observe that Mr. Hurdis reported the established custom of the province to be that the cultivator shall be allowed 60 parts and the Sircar 40 parts, and not only were his calculations made in that way, but the Board believe that this proportion differs little from the usage of other

other Districts. They remark however that in the statements you have now submitted you have allowed the Sircar one half instead of two fifths of the crop, thus making no destinction between the division of the wet and dry Grains.

12 The Board are despose to doubt the propriety of so great an alteration in a practice which experience appears to have shewn to be necessary, and if the Accounts which you have received of the produce of past years are at all correct, they apprehend that the heavy addition thus made to the assessment when coupled with your having considered it unnecessary to make any allowance on account of the responsibility attending a money tax will lead to a second failure in the revenues. Viewing this subject in either way therefore, whether as it regards the accuracy of the Accounts or the change in the rate of Warum, it will require your

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most particular report, and it will likewise be requisite that you explain to what peculiarities of situation, soil, or circumstan you ascribe the great variation in the rate of the reduction which is now proposed to be made, and which the Board perceives

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varies in particular divisions from 26 to 2 per Cent.

13. In conclusion the Board direct me to express their hope that your most zealous attention will be given to the fulfilment of the instructions now communicated. They had expected that on an occasion of so much importance and where you had so many years to study the subject, your report would have contained much useful information, and it is therefore with a proportional degree of regret that they have found themselves, at this late period, obliged to furnish you with forms for the preparation of your Statements. The Board trust that

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by the early transmission of a full and satisfactory report you will enable them to submit this long pending and most important subject for the final determination of the Government.

Fort St George
7th March 1822
Desp. 15 Do Do

I am
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
[illegible] Clarke
Secretary

Compd. [illegible]

Revenue Department

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To the Collector in Madura and
Dindigul

Sir With reference to my letter to you under date the 11th March I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit to you the accompanying Petition (No. 110 of 18[illegible]) and to desire that the offer of this Petitioner may be considered together with the rest of the proposals for the rent of the Casdamams in Dindigul and return the Petition to this Office with your report on his proposition.

Fort St. George
2d May 1822
Desp. 16 Do. Do.

I am
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
J. Clark
Secretary

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To the Collector in Madura
& Dindigul

Sir

Para 1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th ultimo transmitting a Petition from Abdul Rymaun praying for an allowance of one Cully fanam per day for the maintenance of a Mosque at Veraulor. —

2 You must be fully aware that the Board always expect that a Collector in forwarding a Petition will express his opinion on the claims of the Petitioner, and in a case where the claim has lain dormant for so long a time, you were more particularly called upon to have stated your sentiments on the merits of it —

you

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You are accordingly directed to do so with the least practicable delay and you will at the same time state the year in which Mr Hurles examined the Land Maunums and the Money Yeomiahs together with the present age of the Petitioner and any further remarks which you may deem proper. -

I am

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

J. Clark
Secretary

Fort St. George
5th July 1822

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Compd. W.J.

Revenue Department

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To the Collector in Dindigul and Madura

Sir,

Para 1 I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date the 5th Ultimo, transmitting a petition from Almail Chitty.

2 On reference to the correspondence which has passed on the subject of the losses stated to have been sustained by the Petitioner and more particularly to the correspondence with the Government, copy of which was forwarded to the Acting Collector of Madura under date 20th March 1815, it appears that a reasonable remission has already been allowed to Almail Chetty in compensation for the losses he sustained from the incursions of the Travancore people within the limits of his rent. the Board therefore

do

do not see cause to recommend the grant of further compensation, should you however be of opinion from a knowledge of circumstances to which the Board have not had access, that the claims of the Petitioner to greater indulgence is well founded, you may submit such opinion together with the grounds on which you may have formed it, for the consideration of the Board.

Fort St. George
21st October 1822

I am
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant

J. Clark
Secretary

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Compd. W.

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